

The normal foodplants of this species are various grasses, yarrow, groundsel, dock, plantain, gromwell and other low herbage. The only reference to eating flowers relates to buds of hawthorn and blackthorn in the spring — C. W. PLANT, Assistant Curator, Natural Sciences (Biology), Passmore Edwards Museum, Romford Road, Stratford, E15 4LZ.

A SECOND YORKSHIRE RECORD OF *AGONUM GRACILIPES* (DUFT.) (COL.: CARABIDAE). — Mr. D. R. Nash (1983, *Entomologist's Rec. J. Var.* 95: 205-206) raises again the question of the authenticity of the Yorkshire record of *Agonum gracilipes* (Duft.) at Hornsea and, not surprisingly, is unaware of a second Yorkshire record which was published in *The entomology of the Spurn Peninsula*, part 8, *Coleoptera, Carabidae* by S. Shaw (1952, *Naturalist*, 170-173). Yorkshire entomologists for a hundred years have made a habit of publishing most of their records in the *Naturalist*. On June 22nd, 1951, I took a single example of this beetle on the Warren, an area of consolidated dune turf at the northern end of Spurn. I left Spurn on the next day but Messrs. W. D. Hincks, S. Shaw and W. O. Steel searched the area diligently during the two following days and found no further examples. The single specimen is in my collection. Bissill's Hornsea specimen was apparently lost in the post but this second occurrence strengthens the case for its probable accuracy while not affecting Mr. Nash's case on the status of the species in Britain. — J. H. FLINT, 7 Norfolk Mount, Leeds LS7 4PU.

THE RED ADMIRAL: *VANESSA ATALANTA* L. AUTUMN OVIPOSITING. — In 1983, on the 22 October, I watched this butterfly laying repeatedly on luxuriant nettles during the middle of a sunny day in cold easterly wind with a shade temperature of 54°F; and, several miles away on the 7 November, during mild southerly winds several ova deposited on young nettles. — A. ARCHER-LOCK, 4, Glenwood Road, Mannamead, Plymouth.

*CASSIDA VIRIDIS* L. (COL.: CHRYSOMELIDAE) IN WEST CUMBRIA. — Although this chrysomelid is, according to the records, well distributed in Britain and quite common, there appear to be very few records of its occurrence in Cumbria. The only record given by F. H. Day in his county list of Cumberland Coleoptera, (1923, *Trans. Carlisle nat. Hist. Soc.* 3: 95) is based on an old one from Rickerby Park, Carlisle, (NY45) by T. C. Heysham; this particular record being now well over one hundred years old.

During the past two years I have found *C. viridis* in two localities in West Cumbria. My first site being the River Irt above Gaterigghow Bridge, (NY11.04) where on the 7th September, 1981 I tapped several individuals from *Stachys sylvatica* L. (Hedge Woundwort) growing among loose gravel near the river bank; lower down the river on the same day, I found some more specimens, this time on *Mentha aquatica* L. growing in a damp situation by the side